

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, July 4, 2021

Welcome (Bart Box)

Time of Silent Reflection

Call to Worship

¹The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

²for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! (Psalm 24)



Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

³Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together! (Psalm 34:3)

Songs

1) "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

2) "How Firm a Foundation"

Public Reading of Scripture – Psalm 19

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. (Psalm 32:1-4)

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

Songs

3) "Rock of Ages"



4) "Psalm 23"

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)

Reading of the Preaching Passage



Words of Life: Happiness
Psalms 1-41 (Book 1)

An orientation to the Psalms

- The Psalms give voice to our often unspoken and inarticulate longings, cries, hopes, and trusts.
- The Psalms are arranged into five books or larger collections of Psalms.

Book 1: Psalms 1-41
Book 2: Psalms 42-72

Book 3: Psalms 73-89

Book 4: Psalms 90-106
Book 5: Psalms 107-150

- Each of the first four book ends with a corporate blessing of God, and the fifth book concludes with five psalms of praise.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.
(Psalm 41:13)

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen! (Psalm 72:19)

Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen. (Psalm 89:52)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord! (Psalm 106:48)

- The Psalms trace the Bible's larger story—the coming of God's kingdom in the coming King.
 - Books 1 & 2 highlight the contested rise and reign of David.
 - Book 3 highlights Israel's fall into exile and their cry for deliverance.
 - Books 4 & 5 highlight God's mercy to His people and God's majesty in all the earth.
- We should read the Psalms personally, but we also read the Psalms Christologically (i.e. in light of Jesus, the King of the Kingdom).

An orientation to the happy life

- Psalms 1-2 belong together as an introduction to the entire Psalter.
 - Neither psalm has a heading or superscript.
 - Similar language appears in each. (see 1:1 and 2:12)
 - Both contain incredibly sharp divisions and strong contrasts.
- In terms of numbers, the field seems titled in the favor of the unrighteous.
 - The blessed man is singular—the wicked, the sinners, the scoffers are plural. (1:1)
 - The Lord's anointed is singular—the nations, peoples, kings, and rulers are plural. (2:1-3)

July 11th: Psalms 42-72

- This grammar has the effect of illustrating that God's kingdom is a contested kingdom.

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me. (Psalm 3:1)

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. ¹³ Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. (Matthew 7:12-13)

- The contested kingdom is ultimately the conquering the kingdom. (2:4-9)
 - On the one hand, opposition to God's kingdom is comical—it will not succeed. (2:4)
 - On the other hand, opposition to God's kingdom is serious—it will not survive. (2:5)
 - God's Anointed will sit on the throne and rule without end. (2:6-9)

And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, ³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “ ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’ (Acts 13:28-33)

- There are only two ways to live.
 - Those who reject the Lord's anointed will perish. (1:6; 2:12)
 - Those who take refuge in the Lord's anointed are blessed. (1:1-2; 2:12)
 - The blessed man does not walk in the way of the wicked.
 - The blessed man meditates on the Law, the way of the Lord.

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:5-6)

As you delight and meditate on God's Word, you will produce fruit in every season of life. The psalmist doesn't name these fruits because they are innumerable. The godly man or woman produces thanksgiving in seasons of plenty, faith in seasons of doubt, patience in suffering, peace in turmoil, mercy when wronged, gentleness when falsely accused, strength in temptation, humility in leadership, and prayer in all seasons. (James Johnston)

The catalogue of mercies secured to God's people is long. (William Plumer)

The Lord's Supper

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29)

Song

5) "All Glory Be to Christ"

Offering

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Prayer of Intercession (Bart Box)

For Our Church

For fruit from this past week's VBS: that our kids would seek the Lord with all of their heart all of their days; that the gospel seeds planted this week would grow into saving faith; and that God would use weeks like this in the lives of our children to produce in them love for God, love for God's Word, and love for the church.

For Our City

For Grace Fellowship, pastor Joel Busby, their elders, staff, and congregation.

For Our Nation

For a national recovery of the belief that all peoples, even those whom we disagree with, are created in the image of God; that we might conform our treatment of others to the



belief that all people are created equal and given great dignity by God himself; and that our elected officials, appointed officials, and all levels of law enforcement would strive to fairly give all of our citizens the liberties that our nation promises.

For Our World

For the nation of Afghanistan: that as the US withdraws its troops, the Taliban would not gain power; that God would graciously cause peace to pervade the nation; that the gospel would spread rapidly; and that the church would thrive despite persecution and instability.

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.”

Benediction

*³⁰This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. (Psalm 18:30)*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost



What's Happening at Christ Fellowship...

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New Bookmark Available in the Commons

If you are following along with the Words of Life reading plan, grab the July-August bookmark from the table in the commons on your way out the door this morning!

CFC Kids Camp — July 20-23

All current 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us at Student Life for Kids Camp July 20-23 at Shocco Springs! Our very own Nick Murray will be the camp pastor that week, so it will be a great week of teaching, recreation, and time with friends. Cost for camp is \$269, with additional discounts for families with multiple kids. A deposit of \$50/camper is due at sign up. We do not want the cost of camp to be the reason anyone doesn't go. Please let Ryan Adams know if you are interested in scholarships.

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